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STATE LABOR SUMMARY

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TOTAL EMPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO CLIMB: North Carolina's total employment was estimated to be 2,741,100 in mid-March, 1984 - a net over-the-month gain of 32,800 persons (+1.2 percent). Two of the three main employment sectors experienced strong growth from the middle of February to the middle of March. Agricultural employment added 4,200 workers (+10.0 percent) as its seasonal growth began to accelerate. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 29,500 workers (+1.2 percent). On the other hand, "all other" nonagricultural employment sustained a small loss of 900 workers (-0.3 percent) over the month.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT ENJOYS GAIN: As of mid-March, 1984, manufacturing employment in the State was estimated to be 810,300. That was a modest net over-the-month increase of 2,400 workers (+0.3 percent). The durable goods segment accounted for 87.5 percent of that growth, rising by 2,100 (+0.7 percent), as all of its industry groups except two showed positive movement. The durable goods industry group that registered the largest net monthly gain was electrical machinery, up by 1,000 persons (+1.8 percent), followed by lumber and wood, which rose by 400 people (+1.1 percent) from the middle of February to the middle of March, 1984. The nondurable goods segment experienced a nominal gain of 300 workers (+0.1 percent) as about half of the industry groups enjoyed modest growth. Chemicals led the way with a net over-the-month increase of 400 workers (+1.1 percent). Next came apparel and printing, each adding 300 people over the month. Textile employment was down by 400 from mid-February to mid-March, due to temporary layoffs.

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT RISES NOTICEABLY: Statewide nonmanufacturing employment was estimated to be 1,654,200 in the middle of March, 1984, a net monthly increase of 12,800 workers (+0.8 percent). All seven of the industry groups exhibited gains over the month with the largest occurring in trade, +3,700; service and miscellaneous, +3,000; construction, +2,800; and government, +2,400.

MANUFACTURING AND NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT EXCEEDS ONE YEAR AGO: Manufacturing employment in North Carolina surged ahead of March, 1983, by 40,000 workers (+5.2 percent) as all but two industry groups enjoyed some kind of increase. Leading the way were textiles (+6,600), furniture (+6,200), electrical machinery (+4,900), and nonelectrical machinery (+4,400). Nonmanufacturing employment also displayed an impressive increase over the year (70,500 or 4.5 percent) with all of its industry groups contributing. Trade (+30,500), construction (+14,900), government (+9,500), and service and miscellaneous (+8,400) were the top four.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS SIGNIFICANTLY: Total unemployment in North Carolina was estimated to be 214,700 during the mid-week of March, 1984. That was a net over-the-month decline of 7,400 people (-3.3 percent). Consequently, the State's unadjusted rate of unemployment decreased from 7.6 percent in February to 7.3 percent in March. Unemployment conditions were far worse twelve months ago (March, 1983) when 319,700 persons were out of work and the unemployment rate was 10.9 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation

were 8.1 percent in March, 1984, 8.4 percent in February, 1984, and 10.8 percent one year ago. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 7.8 percent this March and February and 10.3 percent in March of 1983.

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE 1/
March, 1984

ITEM	NUMBER			CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM:			
				February, 1984		March, 1983	
	March 2/ 1984	February 3/ 1984	March 1983	Net	%	Net	%
Civilian Labor Force	2,955,800	2,930,400	2,933,000	+25,400	+ 0.9	+ 22,800	+ 0.8
Employment, Total	2,741,100	2,708,300	2,613,300	+32,800	+ 1.2	+127,800	+ 4.9
Agricultural Employment	46,400	42,200	49,900	+ 4,200	+10.0	- 3,500	- 7.0
Nonag. Wage & Salary Employ. 4/	2,404,900	2,375,400	2,281,800	+29,500	+ 1.2	+123,100	+ 5.4
All Other Nonag. Employ. 5/	289,800	290,700	281,600	- 300	- 0.3	+ 8,200	+ 2.9
Unemployment, Total	214,700	222,100	319,700	- 7,400	- 3.3	-105,000	-32.8
State Unadjusted Rate	7.3	7.6	10.9	- 0.3	XXX	- 3.6	XXX
National Rate (Unadjusted)	8.1	8.4	10.8	- 0.3	XXX	- 2.7	XXX
(Seasonally Adjusted)	7.8	7.8	10.3	0	XXX	- 2.5	XXX

1/ All data revised to reflect 1983 benchmark revisions.
2/ Preliminary estimates.
3/ Revised estimates.
4/ Adjusted to exclude dual jobholders and the effects of worker commuting.
5/ Includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

BOTH HOURLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED UP SLIGHTLY: From the middle of February to the middle of March, 1984, the average hourly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees rose by 1¢ an hour (+0.1 percent) to $6.93. Since March, 1983, there has been a net gain of 30¢ an hour (+4.5 percent). The durable goods segment also edged forward by 1¢ an hour (+0.1 percent) to $7.16 from mid-February to mid-March of this year. During the past twelve months, the average in durable goods has increased by 36¢ an hour (+5.3 percent). The durable goods industry which recorded the largest net over-the-month gain was fabricated metal products, up by 8¢ an hour (+1.0 percent) to reach $7.80 this March. That was followed by nonelectrical machinery, which experienced a net monthly growth of 4¢ an hour (+0.5 percent) to hit $8.15. The nondurable goods segment rose by just 1¢ an hour as well, for a March, 1984, average of $6.80. Since March of 1983, nondurable goods industries have exhibited an increase in average hourly earnings of 26¢ an hour (+4.0 percent). Tobacco manufacturing led the way in nondurables with a seasonal increase of 19¢ an hour (+1.6 percent) to average $12.18. Printing and publishing was next, up by 5¢ an hour (+0.7 percent) for an average of $7.48 in March of this year. From mid-February to mid-March, 1984, the average weekly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers rose by $3.17 (+1.2 percent) to $278.59. Over the year the average has increased by $20.02 (+7.7 percent). Average weekly hours stood at 40.2 in March, 1984, up by 0.4 of an hour over the month and by 1.2 hours over the year.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX UP SLIGHTLY OVER THE MONTH: the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers increased to 307.3 from February to March of this year, according to the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. That represented an over-the-month gain of 0.2 percent and an over-the-year increase of 4.7 percent. The group which experienced the largest monthly increase was apparel and upkeep, rising by 1.3 percent. The cost of transportation followed with a monthly increase of 0.4 percent. Medical care was next, up by 0.3 percent from February to March of this year. The only main category which did not increase over the month was food and beverages, which stayed constant. The purchasing power of the consumer dollar, using 1967 as a base of $1.00, fell to 32.5¢ in March, 1984.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS DROPS SLIGHTLY: As of March 31, 1984, there were 161,782 active job applicants registered for work with the local Job Service offices across the State. That was a slight over-the-month decrease of 42 people. The largest applicant segment by age was twenty-two to thirty-nine which had 100,765 or 62.3 percent of the total. Next came the forty to fifty-four year olds with 27,612 or 17.1 percent. The smallest sector was, as usual, fifty-five and over with 9,098 or 5.6 percent of the total. Most of the active applicants were male (81,026 or 50.1 percent). Whites, not Hispanics, made up the largest ethnic group with 94,164 or 58.2 percent of the total. The following table provides additional information from North Carolina's active applicant file as of March 31, 1984.

Statewide Active Applicant File
March 31, 1984

	Number	Percent
Total	161,782	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	24,307	15.0
22 - 39	100,765	62.3
40 - 54	27,612	17.1
55 and Over	9,098	5.6
Sex		
Male	81,026	50.1
Female	80,756	49.9
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	94,164	58.2
Black, not Hispanic	64,206	39.7
Hispanic	632	0.4
American Indian and Alaskan Native	1,984	1.2
Other Races and Undetermined	796	0.5
Eligible Claimant	68,647	42.4
Veteran	28,070	17.4
Handicapped	10,136	6.3
Welfare	18,962	11.7
Seasonal Farmworker	1,152	0.7

JOB OPENINGS INCREASE OVER THE MONTH: During the month of March, 1984, there were 17,548 job openings received by the Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina - a net monthly increase of 2,310 job openings (+15.2 percent). Most of those openings were filled (12,324 or 70.2 percent). The service sector received the largest number of job openings in March with 2,847. The majority of those was filled (1,844 or 64.8 percent). Structural work was second with 2,675 job openings received and 1,920 or 71.8 percent filled. The clerical sector followed with 2,530 job openings received and 1,375 or 54.3 percent filled. The smallest number of job openings received in March was in processing, which had just 547, but the vast majority was filled (516 or 94.3 percent). There were 96,920 job openings received by the Job Service offices across the State from October 1, 1983, through March 31, 1984. A good percentage of those job openings has been filled (78.1 percent of 75,706). There were 11,739 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file as of March 31, 1984. Quite a few of those jobs (5,909 or 50.3 percent) have been classified as hard-to-fill because they have been open for thirty days or more. The next table gives more data on the State's job openings for March, 1984, and for the fiscal year to date.

Statewide Job Openings Data

	March, 1984		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (nonag.) As of Mar. 31, 1984	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., and Mgr.	855	332	4,605	1,971	1,210	698
Clerical	2,530	1,375	12,334	7,763	1,864	779
Sales	884	416	4,534	2,908	807	376
Service	2,847	1,844	14,425	10,861	1,955	853
Domestic	201	166	1,217	1,065	52	32
Other Services	2,646	1,678	13,208	9,796	1,903	821
Farm., Fish., and Forest	1,139	982	12,993	12,673	164	87
Processing	547	516	3,408	3,137	343	243
Machine Trades	1,577	1,177	8,336	6,293	1,195	637
Bench Work	2,294	2,047	10,856	9,633	1,303	803
Structural Work	2,675	1,920	13,533	10,141	1,957	1,010
Miscellaneous	2,200	1,715	11,896	10,326	941	423
Motor Freight and Trans.	523	303	2,523	1,742	339	130
Pkg. and Mat. Hand.	1,620	1,379	9,015	8,369	544	261
Other	57	33	358	215	58	32
Total	17,548	12,324	96,920	75,706	11,739	5,909

1/ October 1, 1983 through March 31, 1984.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

March, 1984

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	March 1984 (Thous)	February 1984 (Thous)	March 1983 (Thous)	February 1984	March 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,464.5	2,449.3	2,354.0	+ 0.6	+ 4.7
MANUFACTURING	810.3	807.9	770.3	+ 0.3	+ 5.2
DURABLE GOODS	314.8	312.7	288.9	+ 0.7	+ 9.0
Lumber & Wood Products	35.6	35.2	32.6	+ 1.1	+ 9.2
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.4	13.3	12.0	+ 0.8	+11.7
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.6	8.6	7.8	0	+10.3
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.0	3.8	3.3	+ 5.3	+21.2
Furniture & Fixtures	82.8	83.1	76.6	- 0.4	- 8.1
Household Furniture	73.8	74.0	68.5	- 0.3	+ 7.7
Wood Household Furniture	37.5	37.6	34.6	- 0.3	+ 8.4
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.2	31.1	29.0	+ 0.3	+ 7.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.3	18.1	15.6	+ 1.1	+17.3
Structural Clay Products	2.5	2.4	2.0	+ 4.2	+25.0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.8	4.7	4.3	+ 2.1	+11.6
Primary Metal Industries	10.1	9.9	8.8	+ 2.0	+14.8
Fabricated Metal Products	24.0	23.9	23.5	+ 0.4	+ 2.1
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.0	8.1	8.7	- 1.2	- 8.0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	52.6	52.3	48.2	+ 0.6	+ 9.1
Special Industry Machinery	8.0	8.0	7.0	0	+14.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	59.6	56.6	52.7	+ 1.8	+ 9.3
Household Appliances	5.4	5.2	5.4	+ 3.8	0
Transportation Equipment	19.0	18.7	16.6	+ 1.6	+14.4
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.8	14.9	14.3	- 0.7	+ 3.5
NONDURABLE GOODS	495.5	495.2	481.4	+ 0.1	+ 2.9
Food & Kindred Products	42.8	42.7	42.3	+ 0.2	+ 1.2
Meat Products	17.0	16.9	16.6	+ 0.6	+ 2.4
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.5	2.6	+ 4.0	0
Dairy Products	2.8	2.7	2.8	+ 3.7	0
Grain Mill Products	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 3.8
Bakery Products	8.0	7.9	7.9	+ 1.3	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.3	6.3	6.4	0	- 1.6
Tobacco Manufacturers	21.5	21.7	23.1	- 0.9	- 6.9
Cigarettes	18.4	18.5	19.5	- 0.5	- 5.6
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.5	2.5	2.9	0	-13.8
Textile Mill Products	225.9	226.3	219.3	- 0.2	+ 3.0
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	62.3	63.1	62.2	- 1.3	+ 0.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton	32.9	33.3	33.6	- 1.2	- 2.1
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	29.1	29.6	28.4	- 1.7	+ 2.5
Knitting Mills	80.7	80.7	76.0	0	+ 6.2
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	24.1	24.3	21.3	- 0.8	+13.1
Hosiery, NEC	22.8	22.7	22.0	+ 0.4	+ 3.6
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	15.0	15.0	14.7	0	+ 2.0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.1	7.0	6.1	+ 1.4	+16.4
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.7	14.7	14.3	0	+ 2.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	55.1	54.8	54.0	+ 0.5	+ 2.0

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

March, 1984

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	March 1984 (Thous)	February 1984 (Thous)	March 1983 (Thous)	February 1984	March 1983
Apparel & Other Textile Products	87.7	87.4	83.7	+ 0.3	+ 4.8
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.6	27.4	26.4	+ 0.7	+ 4.5
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	41.6	41.5	39.6	+ 0.2	+ 5.1
Paper & Allied Products	22.4	22.5	22.1	- 0.4	+ 1.4
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.8	10.9	10.8	- 0.9	0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.2	7.2	6.8	0	+ 5.9
Printing & Publishing	23.6	23.3	22.7	+ 1.3	+ 4.0
Newspapers	8.9	8.8	8.4	+ 1.1	+ 6.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	38.1	37.7	37.7	+ 1.1	+ 1.1
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.9	13.8	13.9	+ 0.7	0
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	28.4	28.4	25.0	0	+13.6
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	5.1	5.2	5.5	- 1.9	- 7.3
NONMANUFACTURING	1,654.2	1,641.4	1,583.7	+ 0.8	+ 4.5
MINING	4.4	4.3	4.3	+ 2.3	+ 2.3
CONSTRUCTION	116.7	113.9	101.8	+ 2.5	+14.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	127.6	120.1	117.6	+ 0.4	+ 2.6
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	60.6	60.2	57.8	+ 0.7	+ 4.8
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.9	54.8	54.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	515.4	511.7	484.9	+ 0.7	+ 6.3
Wholesale Trade	131.1	120.7	117.5	+ 0.3	+ 3.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	72.5	72.2	69.0	+ 0.4	+ 5.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	48.6	48.5	48.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	394.3	391.0	367.4	+ 0.8	+ 7.3
General Merchandise Stores	54.1	53.1	50.9	+ 1.9	+ 6.3
Variety Stores	11.4	11.3	10.5	+ 0.9	+ 8.6
Food Stores	64.4	64.5	62.6	- 0.2	+ 2.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	102.7	102.4	98.6	+ 0.3	+ 4.2
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	369.4	366.4	361.0	+ 0.8	+ 2.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	20.5	19.5	19.2	+ 5.1	+ 6.8
Personal Services	24.6	24.5	24.1	+ 0.4	+ 2.1
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	9.9	9.9	9.9	0	0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	425.0	422.6	415.5	+ 0.6	+ 2.3
Federal	50.1	50.1	49.1	0	- 2.0
State	126.9	125.3	122.8	+ 1.3	+ 3.3
Education	68.7	67.3	64.3	+ 2.1	+ 6.8
Other	58.2	58.0	58.5	+ 0.3	- 0.5
Local	248.0	247.2	243.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.8
Education	138.5	137.6	135.3	+ 0.7	+ 2.4
Other	109.5	109.6	108.3	- 0.1	+ 1.2

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

March, 1984
(Seasonally Adjusted)

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	March 1984 (Thous.)	February 1984 (Thous.)	March 1983 (Thous.)	February 1984	March 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2475.2	2477.0	2363.8	- 0.1	+ 4.7
MANUFACTURING	814.1	813.3	773.8	+ 0.1	+ 5.2
DURABLE GOODS	316.1	314.8	289.9	+ 0.4	+ 9.0
Lumber & Wood Products	36.2	36.0	33.1	+ 0.6	+ 9.4
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.5	13.6	12.1	- 0.7	+ 11.6
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.7	8.8	8.2	- 1.1	+ 6.1
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.2	4.0	3.4	+ 5.0	+ 23.5
Furniture & Fixtures	82.9	83.0	76.6	- 0.1	+ 8.2
Household Furniture	74.0	73.9	68.6	+ 0.1	+ 7.9
Wood Household Furniture	37.7	37.9	34.7	- 0.5	+ 8.6
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.2	31.1	29.0	+ 0.3	+ 7.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.7	18.5	15.9	+ 1.1	+ 17.6
Structural Clay Products	2.6	2.7	2.1	- 3.7	+ 23.8
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.9	4.9	4.4	0	+ 11.4
Primary Metal Industries	10.1	10.0	8.8	+ 1.0	+ 14.8
Fabricated Metal Products	24.3	24.1	23.8	+ 0.8	+ 2.1
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.1	8.2	8.9	- 1.2	- 9.0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	52.7	52.4	48.2	+ 0.6	+ 9.3
Special Industry Machinery	8.0	8.0	7.0	0	+ 14.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	57.4	57.0	52.6	+ 0.7	+ 9.1
Household Appliances	5.8	5.7	5.8	+ 1.8	0
Transportation Equipment	19.0	18.8	16.6	+ 1.1	+ 14.5
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.8	15.0	14.3	- 1.3	+ 3.5
NONDURABLE GOODS	498.0	498.5	483.9	- 0.1	+ 2.9
Food & Kindred Products	43.5	43.7	43.0	- 0.5	+ 1.2
Meat Products	17.0	16.8	16.6	+ 1.2	+ 2.4
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.5	2.6	+ 4.0	0
Dairy Products	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0
Grain Mill Products	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 3.8
Bakery Products	8.0	8.0	7.9	0	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.4	6.4	6.5	0	- 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	22.9	22.2	24.6	+ 3.2	- 6.9
Cigarettes	18.4	18.5	19.5	- 0.5	- 5.6
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.7	2.8	4.3	+ 32.1	- 14.0
Textile Mill Products	226.1	227.4	219.4	- 0.6	+ 3.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	62.2	63.5	62.1	- 2.0	+ 0.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton	32.7	32.9	33.4	- 0.6	- 2.1
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	29.0	30.1	28.3	- 3.7	+ 2.5
Knitting Mills	81.0	81.1	76.2	- 0.1	+ 6.3
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	24.3	24.3	21.4	0	+ 13.6
Hosiery, NEC	22.9	22.9	22.1	0	+ 3.6
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.8	15.0	14.5	- 1.3	+ 2.1
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.2	7.1	6.2	+ 1.4	+ 16.1
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.6	14.9	14.2	- 2.0	+ 2.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	55.2	55.0	54.1	+ 0.4	+ 2.0

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

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INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	March 1984 (Thous.)	February 1984 (Thous.)	March 1983 (Thous.)	February 1984	March 1983
Apparel & Other Textile Products	88.3	87.8	84.3	+ 0.6	+ 4.7
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	28.0	27.3	26.8	+ 2.6	+ 4.5
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	41.8	41.5	39.8	+ 0.7	+ 5.0
Paper & Allied Products	22.3	22.4	22.0	- 0.4	+ 1.4
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.8	10.8	10.8	0	0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.2	7.2	6.8	0	+ 5.9
Printing & Publishing	23.2	23.1	22.4	+ 0.4	+ 3.6
Newspapers	8.9	8.8	8.4	+ 1.1	+ 6.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.8	37.8	37.4	0	+ 1.1
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.8	13.8	13.8	- 0.7	0
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	28.8	28.8	25.3	0	+ 13.8
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	5.1	5.3	5.5	- 3.8	- 7.3
NONMANUFACTURING	1661.1	1663.7	1590.0	- 0.2	+ 4.5
MINING	4.4	4.4	4.3	0	2.3
CONSTRUCTION	121.2	123.4	105.8	- 1.8	+ 14.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	121.0	120.7	117.9	+ 0.2	+ 2.6
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	60.7	60.8	57.9	- 0.2	+ 4.8
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.1	55.1	54.9	0	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	526.7	526.2	495.5	+ 0.1	+ 6.3
Wholesale Trade	122.7	122.7	119.1	0	+ 3.0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	72.5	72.5	69.0	0	+ 5.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	50.2	50.2	50.1	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	404.0	403.5	376.4	+ 0.1	+ 7.3
General Merchandise Stores	56.5	55.2	53.1	+ 2.4	+ 6.4
Variety Stores	11.9	11.8	10.9	+ 0.8	+ 9.2
Food Stores	65.2	65.5	63.4	- 0.5	+ 2.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	103.4	103.4	99.3	0	+ 4.1
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	372.8	373.1	364.5	- 0.1	+ 2.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.6	22.1	21.2	+ 2.3	+ 6.6
Personal Services	23.7	23.7	23.3	0	+ 1.7
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.1	10.0	9.1	+ 1.0	+ 11.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	411.6	412.5	402.7	- 0.2	+ 2.2
Federal	50.3	50.5	49.3	0.4	+ 2.0
State	121.9	122.1	118.2	- 0.2	+ 3.1
Education	63.6	63.6	59.6	0	+ 6.7
Other	58.3	58.5	58.6	- 0.3	- 0.5
Local	239.4	239.9	235.2	- 0.2	+ 1.8
Education	129.1	129.1	126.1	0	+ 2.4
Other	110.3	110.8	109.1	- 0.5	+ 1.1

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

March, 1984

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	March 1984	February 1984	March 1983	February 1984	March 1983
MANUFACTURING	650.2	648.3	613.1	+ 0.3	+ 6.1
DURABLE GOODS	240.7	238.8	217.4	+ 0.8	+ 10.7
Lumber & Wood Products	30.4	30.0	27.9	+ 1.3	+ 9.0
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.6	7.6	6.8	0	+ 11.8
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.3	3.1	2.7	+ 6.5	+ 22.2
Furniture & Fixtures	74.0	74.2	67.8	- 0.3	+ 9.1
Household Furniture	66.7	66.9	61.4	- 0.3	+ 8.6
Wood Household Furniture	34.7	34.8	31.7	- 0.3	+ 9.5
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	15.0	14.7	12.3	+ 2.0	+ 22.0
Structural Clay Products	2.0	1.9	1.4	+ 5.3	+ 42.9
Primary Metal Industries	7.6	7.4	6.4	+ 2.7	+ 18.8
Fabricated Metal Products	17.9	17.8	17.3	+ 0.6	+ 3.5
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	27.3	27.2	24.5	+ 0.4	+ 11.4
Special Industry Machinery	5.3	5.3	4.7	0	+ 12.8
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	41.8	41.0	37.3	+ 2.0	+ 12.1
Household Appliances	4.8	4.5	4.8	+ 6.7	0
Transportation Equipment	15.5	15.2	13.2	+ 2.0	+ 17.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	409.5	409.5	395.7	0	+ 3.5
Food & Kindred Products	29.2	29.2	29.0	0	+ 0.7
Meat Products	14.9	14.9	14.6	0	+ 2.1
Meat Packing	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Dairy Products	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Grain Mill Products	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 5.6
Bakery Products	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	0
Beverages	2.3	2.3	2.5	0	- 8.0
Tobacco Manufacturers	17.0	17.1	18.4	- 0.6	- 7.6
Cigarettes	14.7	14.8	15.6	- 0.7	- 5.8
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	1.7	1.7	2.1	0	- 19.0
Textile Mill Products	201.6	202.2	194.6	- 0.3	+ 3.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	56.4	57.3	55.3	- 1.6	+ 2.0
Weaving Mills, Cotton	32.9	30.3	29.9	+ 8.6	+ 10.0
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	29.1	26.8	25.3	+ 8.6	+ 15.0
Knitting Mills	71.3	71.3	66.9	0	+ 6.6
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	21.3	21.6	18.7	- 1.4	+ 13.9
Hosiery, NEC	20.9	20.8	20.2	+ 0.5	+ 3.5
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	12.8	12.8	12.5	0	+ 2.4
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.2	6.2	5.2	0	+ 19.2
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	12.3	12.3	11.9	0	+ 3.4
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.6	50.3	49.6	+ 0.6	+ 2.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	77.3	77.0	73.6	+ 0.4	+ 5.0
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	24.9	24.8	23.9	+ 0.4	+ 4.2
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	35.9	35.8	34.0	+ 0.3	+ 5.6
Paper & Allied Products	17.1	17.1	16.9	0	+ 1.2
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.9	8.0	8.0	- 1.2	- 1.2
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.6	5.6	5.3	0	+ 5.7
Printing & Publishing	14.4	14.2	14.0	+ 1.4	+ 2.9
Newspapers	3.4	3.4	3.2	0	+ 6.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.3	25.0	24.6	+ 1.2	+ 2.8
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	10.0	9.9	9.6	+ 1.0	+ 4.2
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	23.2	23.2	19.9	0	+ 16.6
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	4.4	4.5	4.7	- 2.2	- 6.4

1/ Current data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products
Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products."

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS
OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/
March, 1984

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	March 1984	February 1984	March 1983	March 1984	February 1984	March 1983	March 1984	February 1984	March 1983
MANUFACTURING	$278.59	$275.42	$258.57	40.2	39.8	39.0	$ 6.93	$ 6.92	$ 6.63
DURABLE GOODS	292.13	286.72	263.16	40.8	40.1	38.7	7.16	7.15	6.80
Lumber & Wood Products	235.17	228.93	219.35	40.2	39.2	39.1	5.85	5.84	5.61
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	237.48	230.28	213.79	41.5	40.4	38.8	5.75	5.70	5.51
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	253.36	224.32	253.29	38.8	34.3	39.7	6.53	6.54	6.38
Furniture & Fixtures	238.78	234.55	214.33	38.7	38.2	36.7	6.17	6.14	5.84
Household Furniture	233.01	234.17	213.23	38.7	38.2	36.7	6.15	6.13	5.81
Wood Household Furniture	234.42	235.41	210.92	39.8	39.9	37.8	5.89	5.90	5.51
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	312.66	305.25	288.46	41.8	40.7	40.4	7.48	7.50	7.14
Structural Clay Products	261.27	244.22	236.74	43.4	40.5	41.1	6.02	6.03	5.76
Primary Metal Industries	356.18	358.32	325.80	45.2	45.3	42.7	7.88	7.91	7.63
Fabricated Metal Products	326.04	317.29	297.75	41.8	41.1	39.7	7.80	7.72	7.50
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	339.86	334.13	317.60	41.7	41.2	40.3	8.15	8.11	7.94
Special Industry Machinery	306.69	303.97	279.42	41.5	41.3	39.3	7.39	7.36	7.11
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	349.03	349.86	302.63	41.9	41.6	38.7	8.35	8.41	7.82
Household Appliances	261.87	245.38	222.40	40.6	38.4	36.4	6.45	6.39	6.11
Transportation Equipment	335.83	328.02	299.63	43.0	42.0	40.6	7.81	7.81	7.38
NONDURABLE GOODS	271.32	268.88	256.37	39.9	39.6	39.2	6.80	6.79	6.54
Food & Kindred Products	242.19	231.31	236.51	38.2	36.6	38.9	6.34	6.32	6.08
Meat Products	187.97	174.29	194.09	35.4	32.7	36.9	5.31	5.33	5.26
Meat Packing	234.44	298.76	322.63	37.7	38.6	41.9	7.81	7.74	7.70
Dairy Products	269.01	260.29	259.49	42.7	42.6	42.4	6.30	6.11	6.12
Grain Mill Products	290.44	299.84	281.43	42.4	43.9	43.7	6.85	6.83	6.44
Bakery Products	278.47	272.14	267.33	41.5	40.8	42.5	6.71	6.67	6.29
Beverages	479.98	465.16	407.79	44.9	44.9	41.4	10.69	10.36	9.85
Tobacco Manufacturers	448.22	412.46	411.18	36.8	34.4	36.1	12.18	11.99	11.39
Cigarettes	485.45	444.10	444.81	37.4	34.4	36.4	12.98	12.91	12.22
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	174.42	174.93	165.26	32.3	34.3	34.5	5.40	5.10	4.79
Textile Mill Products	254.75	253.71	240.80	40.5	40.4	40.0	6.29	6.28	6.02
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	276.00	278.36	260.83	40.0	40.4	39.7	6.90	6.89	6.57
Weaving Mills, Cotton	267.19	270.96	258.45	38.5	31.1	39.1	6.94	6.93	6.61
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	285.65	286.33	262.76	41.7	41.8	40.3	6.85	6.85	6.52
Knitting Mills	224.27	222.72	217.67	38.6	38.6	38.8	5.81	5.77	5.61
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	205.33	209.28	204.34	37.4	38.4	38.7	5.49	5.45	5.28
Hosiery, NEC	214.13	208.29	204.79	37.5	36.8	37.1	5.71	5.66	5.52
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	254.99	253.26	244.99	40.3	40.2	39.9	6.32	6.30	6.14
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	280.58	179.94	270.47	43.3	43.2	43.0	6.48	6.48	6.29
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	295.68	286.23	270.94	44.8	43.9	42.4	6.60	6.52	6.39
Yarn & Thread Mills	256.81	256.46	236.16	42.1	41.7	41.0	6.10	6.15	5.76
Apparel & Other Textile Products	190.24	186.87	177.26	38.2	37.6	36.7	4.98	4.97	4.83
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	190.98	189.35	176.99	37.3	37.2	35.4	5.12	5.09	4.93
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	177.75	175.85	167.80	37.5	37.1	36.4	4.74	4.74	4.61
Paper & Allied Products	448.49	450.75	429.51	43.0	43.3	42.4	10.43	10.41	10.13
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	559.51	572.68	508.36	44.3	44.9	43.9	12.63	12.71	11.58
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	329.04	328.32	300.25	42.9	43.2	41.3	7.67	7.60	7.27
Printing & Publishing	299.95	292.74	283.97	40.1	39.4	38.9	7.48	7.43	7.30
Newspapers	276.19	267.81	259.15	35.0	33.9	33.7	7.89	7.90	7.69
Chemicals & Allied Products	352.63	636.04	350.06	40.3	40.7	40.8	8.75	8.92	8.58
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	389.30	405.37	399.95	40.3	40.7	42.1	9.66	9.96	9.50
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	369.36	370.19	372.07	42.8	42.6	40.3	8.63	8.69	8.24
MINING	318.72	267.25	280.42	41.5	35.9	40.7	7.68	7.50	6.89
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	444.29	439.27	409.25	41.1	40.9	40.6	10.81	10.74	10.08
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	192.79	191.55	196.65	32.9	32.8	33.5	5.86	5.84	5.87
Wholesale Trade	291.12	288.41	271.44	39.5	39.4	39.0	7.37	7.32	69.6
Retail Trade	166.07	164.92	162.75	31.1	31.0	31.0	5.34	5.32	5.25
General Merchandise Stores	146.16	142.85	142.67	29.0	28.4	29.6	5.04	5.03	4.82
Variety Stores	116.33	114.62	114.38	29.6	28.8	30.5	3.93	3.98	3.75
Food Stores	188.69	287.80	185.76	31.5	31.3	31.7	5.99	6.00	5.86
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	123.77	119.26	126.88	29.4	27.8	30.5	4.21	4.29	4.16
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	176.78	176.75	169.09	34.8	35.0	35.3	5.08	5.05	4.79

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